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A. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF SEMINAR AT INSTITUTE FOR
PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL RESEARCH (RIKEN) BY PROFESSOR
ANTHONY SAN PIETRO, INDIANA UNIVERSITY ENTITLED, "SOME
POSSIBILITIES FOR BIOSOLAR ENERGY CONVERSION", ASHBY
INVITED TO JOIN INFORMAL MEETING OF NLOTCHEMISIS AND
PHOTOBIOLOGISTS INCLUDING DRS. M. IMAMURA AND K. SHIBATA,
RIKEN, S. MIYACHI, TOKYO UNIVERSITY, Y. FUJITA, OCEAN
RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ORI), TOKYO UNIVERSITY AND SAN PIETRO.
GROUP DISCUSSED VARIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF PRIME MINISTER
FUKUDA'S INITIATIVE FOR EXPANDED U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATION
PERTAINING SPECIFICALLY TO PHOTOSYNTHESIS AND PHOTOLYSIS.
AMONG TOPICS CONSIDERED SPECULATIVELY WERE;

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1. WHICH AGENCY(IES) WOULD BE INVOLVED IN EACH COUNTRY.
2. HOW SCIENTISTS SHOULD ORGANIZE FOR PARTICIPATION OF
GOVERNMENT AND ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS.
3. WHAT ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISM WOULD BEST SUSTAIN
LONG TERM INTERACTION. TWELVE YEAR PERIOD WAS MENTIONED

WITH NON-EXCLUSIVE EMPHASIS FIRST SIX YEARS ON BASIC RESEARCH AND SECOND SIX YEARS ON APPLICATIONS.

4. WHAT LEVEL OF FUNDING COULD BE EXPECTED OR REQUIRED.

5. WHETHER PROVISION COULD BE MADE FOR PARTICIPATION OF RESEARCHERS FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S. AND JAPAN.

B. TO ASSESS SCIENTIFIC POTENTIAL IT WAS FELT THAT RESEARCHERS SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING BETWEEN COUNTERPART ORGANIZED BODY AND POSSIBLY ESTIMATE NECESSARY FOUNDING THEREAFTER. IT WAS ALSO FELT AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM CONVENED AT APPROPRIATE TIME (1979-1980) WOULD PROVIDE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COUNTRIES NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN BILATERAL RESEARCH AND EXCHANGES.

C. FOR NEXT STEP, IT WAS AGREED AMONG JAPANESE RESEARCHERS THAT THEY WOULD PREPARE AT SCIENTIFIC LEVEL TO RESPOND TO EXPECTED QUESTION FROM U.S. SIDE ON WHAT SPECIFIC COOPERATION JAPAN HAD IN PROSPECT IN THIS FIELD AND WOULD CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN JAPAN ON HOW TO PROCEED. PROFESSOR SAN PIETRO AGREED TO PROCEED SIMILARLY IN THE U.S. BY CONTACTING OSTP, STATE, DOE, NSF, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AND BY TAKING FURTHER ACTION BASED IN THEIR ADVICE.

D. IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH SAN PIETRO, JSPS OFFICIALS
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AND PROFESSOR YOSHIKI ISHIZUKA, HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY, THE ORGANIZATION PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FOOD SCIENCE AND PHOTOSYNTHESIS SPECIAL EMPHASIS AREA IN THE U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM WAS PRESENTED AS FOLLOW UP TO ADVISORY MEETING IN HAWAII. ORGANIZATION DEVELOPED ADHERES TO LINES SUGGESTED IN FINAL REPORT WITH SCIENTISTS DESIGNATED IN EACH DELINEATED AREA TO DEVELOP RESEARCH PROPOSALS. PLAN WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED WITH MOSIER DURING VISIT TO JAPAN. JSPS FUNDS FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS AREAS APPLY ONLY TO COOPERATIVE RESEARCH, NOT SEMINARS. NO SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS SEMINARS. MANSFIELD

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